(ख) स्कीम के अन्तर्गत आवेदन पत्र प्रारम्भ में 31-10-94 तक लिए जाने थे। आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त करने की अन्तिम तिथि 15 दिन के लिए बढ़ा दी गयी थी। क्योंकि प्रारम्भिक अवधि में प्राप्त आवेदनों की संख्या प्रस्तावित फ्लैटों से कम थी।

(ग) कुल प्राप्त 2783 आवेदन पत्रों में से लगभग 865 आवेदन पत्र बढ़ायी गयी अवधि के दौरान प्राप्त हुए।

Objectives behind Asian Rowing Championship Organised at Chandigarh

*257. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Junior Asian Rowing Championship was organised at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh in November this year:

(b) the details of countries participated showing the number of competitors, males and females sent by each of them in the Championship and number of officials who accompanied the competitors of the respective countries;

(c) the details of total expenses incurred by Government in organising the championship;

(d) whether it is a fact that specific criteria were not adopted to ensure that the participating countries send their best performers;

(e) if so, the details of the criteria and how the performance of the participants, except of those from the Republic of China, compared; and

(f) whether the objective behind organising such championships that the competitors of the host country would avail exposure to international competition which would enable them to better their performance was realised?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as below:—

Country	Males	Females	Officials
Bangladesh .	5	—	3
China . .	5	5	3
Japan . .	1	1	2
Korea . .	11	10	2
Hongkong .	4	—	1
India . .	9	5	4
Total ...	35	21	15

(c) Government of India incurred total expenditure of Rs. 37,39,959 as per details given below:—

i. Import and Transshipment of 16 Boats	Rs. 34,39,959
ii. Assistance for organising the championship	Rs. 3,00,000
	Rs. 37,39,959

(d) In 'Rowing' no specific standards as in measurable sports can be fixed in view of the varied conditions of water and wind in the competition course.

(e) The International Regulation of maximum age of 18 years for participants was followed and participating countries has sent their best teams in order to win maximum possible medals. In keen competition, Indian men & women teams won 1 Gold, 3 Silver and 1 Bronze medals out of 8 Gold, 8 Silver and 5 Bronze medals awarded in the championship.

(f) The objective of organising such competitions in India is to provide an opportunity to the Indian Rowers to compete against the Rowers of other countries which would help in improving their performance. This objective was achieved. Moreover, such International competitions held in the country also encourage and inspire a number of youth to take to the sport of Rowing.

Inclusion of Certain Castes in the list of Scheduled Castes

*258. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and number of caste organisations which have requested the Central Government to include their castes in the list of Scheduled Castes in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh and whose cases are pending for decision with the Central Government;

(b) what action Government have taken on this;

(c) if not, the time likely to be taken in this regard; and

(d) what is the policy and procedure adopted in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) A statement is annexed as a annexure (*See* Appendix 172, Annexure No. 67)

(b) and (c) An Advisory Committee has been set up in the Ministry of Welfare on comprehensive revision of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe lists to examine all

such cases of inclusions in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lists. After the report of the Committee is received appropriate decisions would be taken by the Government. At this stage it is very difficult to give a definite time frame for the decision keeping in view the volume of work involved as well as also being very complex and sensitive.

(d) As per Constitutional provisions laid down under Article 341 of the Constitution any amendment in the existing Scheduled Caste lists can be made by an Act of Parliament. Castes which fulfil the criteria for inclusion in Scheduled Caste lists are considered for inclusion after taking into account the recommendation of the concerned State Governments/U.T. Administrations and other specialised agencies.

Probe into Skipper Scandal

*259. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the 'Times of India' of November 30, 1994 under the caption "SC orders 3 probes into Skipper scandal";

(b) if so, what are the facts and necessary details in this regard;

(c) what are the details of the land allotted/purchased in auction by the said company in Delhi; what is the cost, area and terms and conditions of each plot;

(d) what is the number of storeys sanctioned as per plan of each plot and how many storeys were actually built on each plot;

(e) the number of flats built in each storey and at what cost each of these flats was disposed of;

(f) what are the details of arrears and irregularities and violation of Building Bye-laws and other terms and conditions of DDA/NDMC committed by the said company in the construction of multi storey building on each plot; and

(g) what action Government have taken in respect of the said irregularities and violation of Building Bye-laws and unauthorised construction carried out by the said company and for the recovery of arrears?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Delhi Development Authority has reported that M/s. Skipper Construction Co (P) Ltd. purchased the leasehold rights of the Tower Plot at Jhandewalan in the open auction held on 8-10-80 for a sum of Rs. 9.82 crores. 25% of the bid amount was paid at the fall of hammer and the remaining 75% was required to be paid by 13-1-1981, i.e. within 90 days of the issue of the demand letter. The auction-purchaser, however, failed to deposit the demanded amount within the stipulated time and requested for facility of payment in instalment. After detailed examination of the case at various levels, it was decided in DDA on 25-8-1984 to handover the possession of the plot to the auction-purchaser on receipt of 50% of the total premium and the remaining 50% was allowed to be paid in 5 equated half yearly instalments of Rs. 1,94,36,900 each. Accordingly, the auction-purchaser having paid 50% premium of the plot, furnished a bank guarantee and executed agreement and licence deed. Thereupon, the possession of the plot was handed over to the auction purchaser on 11-8-1987 on a licence basis to commence the construction on the plot. But the auction-purchaser failed to pay the amount of instalments within the stipulated period and moved the High Court for deferment of the instalments. The High Court, vide Order dated 21-12-1990 dismissed the Writ with the direction to the auction-purchaser to pay the entire amount within a period of 30 days, failing which DDA was authorised to forefit the entire amount and re-enter upon the building and take over possession. Aggrieved with this decision of the High Court, the auction-purchaser filed an S.L.P. in the Supreme Court of India. The Supreme Court of India dismissed the S.L.P. and consequently, the entire amount stood forfeited, and the plot, together with the building standing thereon, was reentered upon and physical possession resumed on 10-2-1993. Thereafter, the auction-purchaser filed a suit against the DDA in the High Court and the High Court stayed the auction of the Tower Plot. DDA filed an S.L.P. against the said orders in the Supreme Court of India and the Supreme Court allowed DDA to go ahead with the auction of the Tower Plot subject to confirmation of the same by Court. Accordingly, tenders were invited and the highest offer of Rs. 70.10 crores of M/s. Banganga Investments Ltd. has been confirmed by the Supreme Court vide their judgement dated 29-11-1994. For other issues, the Court has appointed three Commissions, one headed by Mr. Justice R. C. Lahoti, Judge of the High Court of Delhi, to adjudicate the pending claims of a large number of investors who had paid large sums to the construction company for commercial flat; another headed by Shri E. Easwaran, former Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance to investigate the conduct of the officers of Canara Bank and Punjab National Bank, who had advanced loans worth crores of rupees to the construction company in the form of Bank guarantees; and a third headed by former Supreme Court Judge Mr. Justice O. Chinappa Reddy to look into the conduct of the DDA's former ex-officio